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FROM : Thomas B. Yale  
Director of Finance

SUBJECT : GAO Audit Authorities for Audit of CIA

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Authorities to Audit the CIA

I believe the content of paragraph 1.c. of Section IV of Tab A of reference is fully relevant in the current climate as parameters for any negotiation that the Director may feel required to undertake concerning any prospective GAO audit relationship.

(signed) Thomas B. Yale

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Attachment  
(Reference)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General  
General Counsel  
Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Administration

FROM : George L. Cary  
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Analysis of Existing and Proposed GAO  
Authorities to Audit the CIA

1. The question of the relationship between GAO and the Intelligence Community was recently the subject of discussion at the CFI. The attached paper analyzes the evolution of the current state of play between the GAO and various elements of the Intelligence Community. It is my hope that it will prove helpful in developing a position on what the relationships should be.

2. In developing our position, it is believed that several key principles should guide us. First is to oppose any undue proliferation of sensitive information concerning intelligence activities. The second is to assure that oversight of intelligence activities, either through standing committees or through agents of the Congress, is concentrated to the maximum extent feasible. The third is to assure that the requests of congressional committees for substantive intelligence information is, to the maximum extent possible, handled directly and not through an outside agency where we have no control over either the context of the presentation or the end product.

3. It is hoped that the attached package will provide a basis for your recommendations on at least these key areas. We would appreciate your recommendations on this subject by close of business 18 June.

SIGNED

GEORGE L. CARY  
Legislative Counsel